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[Despatch Abstract.]

QUESTIONS - Madras Legislative Assembly Starred Question No.337 Sri G.Kumaraswamy - Information regarding Agricultural Departments in the Province - Particulars furnished - Papers Recorded.

*242 Q. - Sri G. KUMARASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state--

(a) whether it is a fact that a distinction is made between ryotwari areas and estate areas for allotting centres and depots for storing seedlings, manure and other agricultural implements; and for the distribution of the same;

(b) whether there is any proposal to waive the distinction; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to open more depots?

The Hon. Sri B. VENKATARATNAM:- "(a) & (b) In ryotwari areas one agricultural depot has been sanctioned for every two firkas comprising on an average of 50 to 70 villages. In zamindari areas a group of about 60 to 80 villages has been given a depot. But for this difference, ryotwari and zamindari areas are treated on the same footing in the matter of distribution of seeds, manure and agricultural implements.

"(c) No."

SRI M.G.NATESA CHETTIYAR:- "May I know whether seedlings are provided in these depots or seeds only?"

THE HON. SRI B. VENKATARATNAM:- "They supply only seeds".

SRI G. KUMARASWAMI:- "Is it not desirable that in estate areas more distribution depots should be opened in the interests of public convenience?"

THE HON. SRI B. VENKATARATNAM:- "No additional privilege can be given in estate areas than ryotwari areas.

Kumararaja Sir MUTHIAH CHETTIYAR of Chettinad:- "Sir, with reference to agricultural implements, could I know from Government whether agricultural fabricated implements or raw materials for them like iron and steel is distributed in these depots?

THE HON. SRI B. VENKATARATNAM:- "Notice, Sir".

M. MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB Bahadur:- "Sir, is the Government satisfied that the present number of depots is sufficient for the requirements of the people?"

The Hon. Sri B. VENKATARATNAM:- "For the present, yes, Sir".

Sri V.I.MUNISWAMI PILLAI:- "Are the Government aware that there are not enough agricultural implements stored in these depots?"

The Hon. Sri B. VENKATARATNAM:- "They are aware".

Sri K. BOKKAI GOWDER:- "Are the Government aware that the Agricultural department is not able to supply useful agricultural implements like 'Drew' pattern digging forks and mammuttis and that the ryots are forced to get these things at blackmarket prices?"

The Hon. Sri B.VENKATARATNAM:- "All the things useful for the ryots that the Agricultural department are able to supply are being supplied by them".

Sri V.I.MUNISWAMI PILLAI:- "Arising out of the answer of the Hon. Minister, may I request what steps Government propose to take to have more implements stored in these depots?"

The Hon. Sri B. VENKATARATNAM:- "It is a big question to be answered".

Kumararaja Sir MUTHIAH CHETTIYAR of Chettinad:- "Are the Government aware that iron and steel intended for agricultural implements do not reach agriculturists?"

The Hon. Sri B. VENKATARATNAM:-- "No, Sir."

Sri N. S. VARADACHARI:- "Do Government realize, the employment of a very large staff of the department to look after the distribution of seeds, agricultural implements and manure, hinder the work of the Agricultural department and turns it into a second-rate shop?"

The Hon. Sri B. VENKATARATNAM:- "The question is under consideration whether this work can be entrusted to co-operative agencies.

Kumararaja Sir MUTHIAH CHETTIYAR of Chettinad:- "Arising out of the answer of the Hon. Minister to my question, may I request the Hon. Minister to make inquiries?"

The Hon. Sri B. VENKATARATNAM:- "Yes, Sir".

M. MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB Bahadur:- "May I inquire, Sir, among agricultural implements, whether suction pipes, delivery pipes and pump-sets are included?"

The Hon. Sri B. VENKATARATNAM:- "Notice, Sir".

Sri N.S.VARADACHARI:- "Will the Government consider, that in view of the fact that a small amount of tonnage of steel in the shape of agricultural impelemtns has to be distributed in two hundred taluks of this Province and each consumer and each ryot is to be served according to his need, would it not be better for the Government to entrust this work to co-operative societies or other normal trade channels?"

The Hon. Sri B. VENKATARATNAM:- "I have already replied that it is under the consideration of the Government."

With reference to B above, it is submitted that the question of transferring the work of State Trading Schemes in respect of manures, iron and steel was considered by Government in 1947 and they decided that the existing arrangements for the distribution of manures and implements by the Agricultural Department might be continued. No further action in this point seems called for in this.file. Since decided to transfer to Cooperative Societies.

The papers may be recorded.

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